

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0176

Title: Authorize FWP commission to increase fees by rule

Primary Sponsor: Cohenour, J

Status: As Introduced

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Date

David Ewer, Budget Director

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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2006 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0
Revenue:		
State Special Revenue	\$1,007,475	\$2,518,215
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

1. This legislation provides for an increase in the following resident hunting and fishing licenses:

<u>License</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Conservation License	\$ 6.25	\$ 8.00
Fishing License	13.00	18.00
Youth Fishing License	6.50	8.00
Paddlefish License	5.00	10.00
Bird License	6.00	12.00
Youth Bird License	3.00	5.00
Turkey License	5.00	10.00
Waterfowl License	5.00	7.00
Sportsman's Combination License (w/bear)	66.25	85.00
Sportsman's Combination License	56.25	70.00
Sportsman's Youth Combination License	27.25	25.00
Elk License	16.00	20.00

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<u>License</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Elk License , Antlerless	16.00	20.00
Elk License, Senior/Youth/Disabled	8.00	10.00
Elk License, A-9	16.00	20.00
Deer A License	13.00	18.00
Deer A License, Senior/Youth/Disabled	6.50	8.00
Antlerless Deer License	8.00	10.00
Antelope License	11.00	15.00
Mountain Lion License	15.00	20.00
Black Bear License	15.00	20.00

2. The following nonresident licenses are being adjusted to correct an error that would otherwise occur if the Habitat Montana program sunsets.

<u>License</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Nonresident Black Bear	\$330.00	\$350.00
Nonresident Antelope	180.00	200.00
Nonresident Buffalo or Bison	750.00	980.00

3. Buyers' resistance information due to increased prices is available for certain licenses and is estimated for license years (LY) 2006 and 2007. By license year 2008, we anticipate returning to historical buying levels. No buyers' resistance is assumed for the remaining licenses.

<u>License</u>	<u>LY 2006/2007</u>
Fishing License	10%/5%
Youth Fishing License	5%/2.5%
Bird License	10%/5%
Youth Bird License	5%/2.5%
All Elk Licenses	15%/7.5%
All Deer Licenses	7%/3.5%
All Antelope Licenses	5%/2.5%

4. License sales volumes are based on license year 2003 actual sales. Revenue from these license sales is then converted to fiscal year estimates on a prorated basis.
5. This legislation goes into effect March 1, 2006, the beginning of a license year. FY 2006 revenue will be less than FY 2007 because the higher fees will be collected for only a portion of the first fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	1,007,475	2,518,215
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	1,007,475	2,518,215

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LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

By FY02008, anticipated revenues are estimated at \$3,021,480. This legislation will provide the FWP Commission the authority to increase hunting and fishing license fees to generate the level of revenue necessary to support the legislatively approved programs.